

Remarks

Claims 17-30 and claims 31-35 are pending. Claims 1-16 and 36-40 are canceled by this response. Claims 31-35 have been withdrawn. Claim 16 is canceled by this communication. Claims 17-30 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as lacking sufficient description in the specification. Claim 16 is canceled, and therefore the rejection is moot.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0027028 to Tsukasa et al. ("Tsukasa"). Claim 16 is canceled, and therefore the rejection is moot.

The undersigned authorizes the examiner to charge any fees that may be required or credit of any overpayment to be made to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.


CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 393-9885.

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